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"It is hard to feel individually responsible with respect to the invisible processes of a huge and distant government."

—John Gardner

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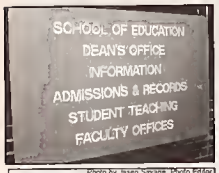
School of Education meets criteria for accreditation



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The School of Education recently received accreditation.

by Carrie Leathers
Chief Reporter

In November, IPFW's School of Education was accredited under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Over 500 institutions are accredited by the NCATE and IPFW's School of Education was one of the first 57 schools to receive either initial or continuation accreditation in the most recent round of decisions made by the NCATE's Unit Accreditation Board.

"With the reaccreditation from NCATE," Chancellor Michael Wartell said, "we can assure our graduates that they are receiving skills, knowledge, and training needed to meet the demands of today's classroom."

Standards set by the profession and members of the public were the guidelines used by the NCATE in deciding on which institutions received accreditation.

According to Wartell, such an accreditation is necessary in order to assure that graduates will be taken seriously when approaching the job market.

"Employers can be assured that when they hire a graduate from IPFW's School of Education, they are hiring someone who will have the needed expertise to succeed in the classroom environment," Wartell said.

Subject matter content and teaching methods are both priorities in order to get accreditation from the NCATE, but institutions must also be instructing students to use technology in instruction and institutions must be preparing students to teach people from diverse backgrounds.

Besides meeting all of these criteria, the institutions must keep programs in a framework that is based on current and established research and best practice.

Interim Dean of the School of Education David McCants is proud of the accreditation.

"I commend the faculty and staff of the School of Education and those who have served in administrative positions in recent years for their dedication to meeting the extensive and exacting standards of the NCATE," McCants said.

"The NCATE imprimatur is an important evidence that the IPFW School of Education is serving the citizenry and school corporations of northeastern Indiana well," he added.

NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the professional accrediting body for schools, departments, and colleges of education.

Years of service pay off

by Mishanna Wood
News Editor

Allen Pugh

Allen Pugh became the new dean of the School of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science on Nov. 1.

Pugh has been a faculty member of IPFW since 1981 as well as an integral member of the administration, serving as chair of manufacturing technology, director of organizational leadership and supervision, director of industrial engineering technology and chair of engineering.

He is also a long-standing member of the International Board of Editors for the Journal of Computers and Industrial Engineering.

Pugh received the Magoon award for teaching in 1981 and 1997 at Purdue.

He holds a doctorate and master of science in industrial engineering from Purdue University. His expertise is focused in statistical process control, simulation and selective assembly.

Pugh served as interim dean before obtaining his new position.

The national search for a dean of the School of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science was conducted during the 1995-1996 academic years. There were two candidates, but neither of them filled the position.

In May of 1997, Pugh became the interim dean.

Almost a year later an internal search was conducted and faculty, chairs, staff and members of the community advisory council were solicited about their opinion on Pugh becoming a permanent dean.

According to Susan Hannah, interim vice chancellor of student affairs, the support for him to be dean was solid.

Pugh has replaced outdated material, keeping the technology up to speed. Programs such as CIMT, (Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology) and MDDT (Mechanical Drafting and Testing Technology) have been altered or eliminated to help with student needs.

Some of the information from these programs was incorporated into the Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET) program.

"Every program within ETS is very technology-oriented and technology changes very fast. The major goal is to update labs. In some areas a two-year old lab is very outdated," Pugh said.

Pugh has reconstituted some of the Fort Wayne committees to become active with the IPFW, ETS program once again.

"The most rewarding part of this position is when you see success," Pugh said.

It's that time of year again

Photo courtesy of Elmer Denman

Students work furiously to get that last assignment done before deadline.

Engineering scholarships available to local students

by Mishanna Wood
News Editor

The Fort Wayne Engineers Club is offering approximately twenty $800 scholarships from professional societies and industries.

Recipients must be full-time students enrolled in a program leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering or engineering technology.

They must have resided in one of the following northeastern Indiana counties for a minimum of one year: Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells or Whitley.

This program has existed for over 20 years and was established by one of the engineering clubs at Fort Wayne General Electric that combined with the Anthony Wayne Society of Professional Engineers, a state chapter of the Professional Engineering Society.

Along with professional societies and industries, members of the local chapter make donations toward the scholarship as well.

Most of the recipients are students at IPFW.

There are always a few from Purdue as well.

According to John Kalb, member of the committee for National Engineers Week, there was a student who went to school in Alaska who also applied.

Kalb stressed that an applicant does not need to attend a school in northeastern Indiana.

They only need to have been a resident of one of the counties stated above.

Other criteria for the scholarship are as follows: Students must have earned at least 32 semester credit hours to a maximum of 96 credit hours by the beginning of the fall term of 1998-99 school year and they must have full-time status.

Students are eligible to receive this award twice and applications are required to have the signature of a faculty member in order to be eligible for consideration.

The scholarship money can be used for any expense related to obtaining an education that the financial aid office of a particular institution approves of.

Applicants must submit a transcript of their college grades along with a wallet-sized photo 2-1/4 inches by 3-1/8 inches and an introductory cover letter.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 28, 1999. Applications can be obtained by calling Kalb at 1-800-777-5413.

Completed applications should be mailed to Henry J. Helberg, Scholarship Committee, 4130 N. Washington Rd., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46804-1822.

This scholarship is based on performance only. Members of the National Engineers Week Scholarship Committee will choose the winners.

For more detailed information contact Pat Delaney, president of the Fort Wayne Engineers Club at (219)-478-5800.

Engineers and their contributions to society will be celebrated during National Engineers Week, Feb. 21 to 27.

National Engineers Week was created in 1950 by the National Professional Engineers Group, or NPEG, to recognize engineers and call the attention to young people and inform them of the work engineers do.

Over 40 scientific, engineering and professional societies, industries and individuals will present over $10,000 in academic scholarships to engineering students at a banquet in Walb Ballroom at 6 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Nancy Nall, columnist at the News-Sentinel, will be the master of ceremonies.

As well as students being honored, the 1999 Citizen Engineer will be chosen by candidates selected from local engineering societies.

"This is a great opportunity for students. We've even had men on our committee who are former recipients," Kalb said.

Santa at IPFW

by Carrie Leathers
Chief Reporter

Tomorrow morning children will be able to visit with Santa and take part in holiday activities and songs. "Breakfast with the Claus" has been an annual event at IPFW since the 1980s.

"It is really an IPFW campus community event," Director of Student Activities Kim Jacobs said. "We continue doing it each year because family events generally go over well because our student body is older."

Children are provided with breakfast and given coloring activities at their tables.

After eating, there will be other activities and an entertainer who will perform interactive songs and skits with the children.

"There will be a cookie plate to color and leave cookies for Santa on," Jacobs said. "We also usually put up a big Christmas present list for kids to write to Santa on."

All this is prior to Santa's arrival at which time each child will get a chance to talk to Santa and have their photograph taken with him.

The children will also receive a small gift.

"It's always well-received," Jacobs said. "It always is a lot of fun for the kids."

Tickets may still be available through Student Activities at 481-6609.

New Director of Admissions

by Mishanna Wood
News Editor

Carol Isaacs was named director of admissions on Dec. 1. Isaacs has been an admissions officer at IPFW since 1985.

She is also the past state president of the Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions and served on many of its committees.

Isaacs has presented college planning sessions and conducts IPFW workshops for parents and students throughout northeastern Indiana.

Currently Isaacs is a member of the Indiana Association of College Admissions Counselors.

She has prior experience working with high schools, returning adults and overseeing the process of applications.

"Professionally, it's high enrollment, and personally, it is fun working with people."

Carol Isaacs

Isaacs did undergraduate work at Huntington College and completed her master's degree at IPFW. She has a bachelor of arts in speech and earned teaching certification.

A search for an admissions director was conducted last year but there were no applicants. Due to Isaacs' past accomplishments at IPFW, she earned an internal promotion.

According to Frank Borelli, vice chancellor of student affairs, there was a consensus among staff members who favored Isaacs' promotion.

As interim director, she created a new strategy for increasing enrollments and processing applications. Isaacs reduced the size of the application for admission from three pages to one, making it more concise and clear.

Carol Isaacs

Borelli said there was a 2.2 percent increase in student enrollment at IPFW in 1998. This has not occurred since 1992.

Isaacs is currently working with Bob Zellers, director of financial aid, to create an office in the basement of Kettler that will incorporate some of the activities of financial aid and admissions in one place.

This will take place during the remodeling of Kettler Hall.

"I would like to continue the success of last fall, having an upturn in high school seniors. I would like to focus on all types of student needs," Isaacs said.

"Professionally, it's high enrollment, and personally, it is fun working with people. I believe in education and helping folks realize it's possible, and it's something that they can accomplish," she added, speaking of the rewards of her new position.

Isaacs is required to go out to northeastern high schools in Indiana and call on students to attend college fairs, college nights, campus visits and career days.

Admissions schedules thousands of personal appointments, processes applications and speaks to anyone who is a prospective student.

"She's the right person. I'm really pleased she accepted the challenge. She has good relationships with the area high schools for outreach and recruitment," Borelli said.

by Deddy Hidayat Jong -*Editorial Cartoonist*

Letters to the Editor

New self-esteem techniques in education

Dear Editor,

This is in response to a 20/20 program presented by ABC on Wednesday, December 2 on the new technique (self-esteem) that is being implemented in U.S. public schools today. Now, schools are trying to boost students' self-esteem by giving higher grades (with doses of praises) regardless of performance.

Allow me to state my perceptions of the assumed problems:

Problems with Making School Highly Competitive: There are only a few winning "positions" by default. Thus, many are left with damaged self-esteem, doomed to fail. But, I think the few winners suffer the most (what?). It is frustrating in always searching to find significance in your achievement (not to mention the blotted ego and teamwork problems).

Problems with the New Theme: Lack of motivation, responsibility, and accountability.

The result: happy students, rising high school grades, and falling performances (SAT, mathematics and science world competition). To that end, I couldn't help but state:

Have: Secure a stable self-esteem that will not be affected by any circumstance or performance.

Foster: Affirm the character traits (kindness, integrity, patience, creativity, confidence, etc.) of your children (or future children) instead of getting caught up in their performance.

Principle: Lose yourself, have a life, and make a difference. Don't try to get significance from your achievements, rather bring significance to your hard work.

Standard: Compete with yourself so you won't be limited by anybody.

Check: Be part of highly competitive school to test the reality of your self-esteem and personal growth.

I know, I know: I am not remotely close to a solution. I choose to leave the how to my readers with the above incomplete list of alternatives.

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❄Staff Editorial❄

TOPIC:
Presents for the holidays

WHAT WE THINK:
Most often, you get what you deserve, and if you are mentioned in this, don't take this seriously. It's all in jest.

This Staff Editorial is a little different from the rest of the ones that you have read this semester. We have decided to give a few "presents" to our staff and some other, more notorious figures. Enjoy.

For Gail: baby booties and some more reasons to gripe about people running the yield sign by the new parking garage
For Greg: a personal economic plan that would include meals consisting of more than a cup of coffee and a Snickers bar
For Dorie: a chair for her desk that isn't as old as most of her employees
For Kelly: a way to get out of his contract with the devil and a room at Spielberg's house
For Mishanna: a prescription for valium and a few more writers
For Adam: six hours of sleep (that is two hours more than he currently gets)
For Joe: a pair of lederhosen for his trip to Germany
For Jasen: a cherry to put on top of his whipped cream
For Deddy: a copy of the book "Sybil" to help him deal with his identity crisis
For Carrie Anne Leathers: her very own desk at the The Communicator office... she's definitely earned it
For Brian Miller: very thick gloves to tone down his *very* enthusiastic clapping
For Brian Long: a copy of the Hanson video
For Dennis: a Houston Astros hat, so he can root for the winning team
For Vincent: "The Chillicoathe Book of Arcane Knowledge" and a new pair of running shoes
For President Bill Clinton: a clear conscience and a box of cigars
For Al Gore: a prayer for a chance at taking Bill's office
For Monica Lewinsky: a new blue dress to replace the one that Bill ruined
For Paul Helmke: a sympathy card that reads "better luck next time"
For the cafeteria: hours that are convenient for the students
For the people who planned the roundabout: a dangerous intersection sign (oops, there already is one)
For Police and Safety: a more elaborate plan for parking so that they can write more tickets
For Follett's: better rates on books
For the IPFW professors: all the joy and happiness possible when they grade our finals
For the IPFW administration: guts (to ask for more money for the campus)
For the Teletubbies: nursery school and many lessons on the English language
For Channel 6: programs that people will actually watch for more than 10 seconds
For Student Government: a referee and a wrestling mat to take care of all of their problems
For John Glenn: the viagra substitute
For Chancellor Wartell: a new stone to step on

Vice President offers fiscal advice for the new year

To the Student Body,

It is that time of the year again and the ever-popular subject of textbooks is on all of our minds.

As we get closer to next semester, every one of us will be involved in the purchase of textbooks for our classes.

Unless you are fortunate enough to either have a professor who only has assigned reading from the library or choose not to buy a textbook for the class, either way most of us will purchase textbooks.

This is a hecuc time of year for all students and is also costly. The way that our campus is set up we only have one choice on where to conveniently buy our textbooks.

With the knowledge I have gained from Dr. Buillon's "Fundamentals of Economics" class, I realize that competition plays an important role in the prices of products for consumers.

To help with this problem and to help in reducing student costs, I am notifying the student body of purchasing books via the Internet.

Students can save big bucks if they would visit the web site called "varsitybooks com."

This is an easy-to-use web site and can save the students up to 40% on new books.

The site is user-friendly and books can be attained within 2 business days.

I urge everyone to visit the site to get more of the specifics, and can arouse interest by giving you my own experiences on the web site.

Varsity Books was started by two college students on the East Coast and has grown rapidly in the past two years.

Varsity Books has received national attention in "Newsweek," "Entrepreneur," and recently in "USA Today."

Although the site is new, it is professionally done and is very user-friendly.

Personal experiences with this web site have produced some good results and some bad.

I personally looked up a public relations book that is used on this campus and received amazing results.

The new textbook cost $45 plus tax at our bookstore. I could have bought the book for a total of $34.95 through Varsity Books.

There is no sales tax and shipping only costs $4.95.

The bad aspect was that I could not find a German or communications book through the web site.

The books were out of stock. The web site suggested checking back, though, because books are restocked daily.

It only takes two days to receive your books and the prices are worth it so you can check every day until classes begin if you choose to go that route.

The only information you need to find your book is one of three things.

You will need either the title, author, or the ISBN number of the book.

The ISBN number is usually the best way because then you don't have to worry about which edition you need.

This is for your information only and is only another avenue to help alleviate student costs.

I hope this semester went well and future semesters are even better.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Schroeder,
Student Body Vice President

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All submissions made via e-mail must be verified by phone or in person, otherwise the letter or column will not run.

Submissions without this information will not be published, except under extraordinary circumstances

Class standing or title is also requested. Address and phone numbers will never be published.

Submissions must be typewritten, double-spaced and no more than 300 words

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TO EVERYONE
we unintentionally offended this semester our heartfelt apologies are extended.
To everyone we tried to offend, we hope we did.
Merry Christmas
The Communicator.

COMMENTARY

What's Weak this week

by Dennis Donahue
Columnist

How was 1998 for you?

I was going to take this time to wrap up the year of 1998.

I could go on and on about some of the lame stories of the year or reverse the trend and become mainstream.

I could write about the Titanic movie and how wonderful the film was. Or how Hollywood keeps churning out fantastic movies, especially all of the remakes.

Ranting and raving about popular culture just isn't my style. I don't think I even have a style. But I've noticed that all of the year-end "lists" are starting to sprout up throughout the country, especially in the media.

Was 1998 a good year for you? Here's my perspective for what it's worth.

The Sosa-McGwire home run chase has to be at the top of my list. Here we had two guys who hit a combined 136 home runs in one season!

Both of them broke the Roger Maris mark of 62, and the Cubs even made the post-season for only the third time since 1945. Even people who don't follow baseball jumped on board for this dramatic down-to-the-wire race.

Congratulations to both Mark and Sammy for giving baseball back to the public, and again, making it our national pastime.

Another sports related story would be the NBA lockout. First of all, I don't watch pro hoops, so it doesn't affect me at all. I still have to see Michael's face all over the television, so it's not as if I'm not reminded of the NBA and its poster-boy, Jordan. I wish he would just retire, but then again, I guess I don't care.

Remember when professional sports were about winning and staying with teams for your whole career? Those days are long gone. Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio ?

I noticed "Swing" was popular for about fifteen minutes. No offense, but dance crazes are created for those who are too timid to create their own individuality. Being a follower is probably good for some of you because you were emotionally designed to be led around by mainstream fads and trends.

Hopefully, as you grow older, you will be able to laugh at your past, and your attraction to these fly-by-night fads, as we are laughing at you today. Hey, maybe "The Hustle" and the "The Bump" will come back to match the clothes you are buying.

Hang in there, new fads from California and New York should be here by the spring.

The whole White House "scandal," well, I said I wouldn't talk about it anymore. I guess I lied–but so did Bill, Monica and Linda. Oh, that sneaky Linda Tripp; talk about having an agenda.

And Ken Starr sure loves himself doesn't he? Have you heard this guy talk? Thank God it isn't a top story anymore; it's hard enough watching the news as it is anyway.

Some people are still talking about it. In fact, I know a guy at work who talks about it everyday.

He's totally obsessed with the whole thing. Again, it is a serious subject, but national security was never at risk as far as I'm concerned. Republicans sure are a funny group, and their presidents have ALL been saints too.

I can't think of any good music that came out. It was pretty much the same old stuff as last year except that in 1998, EVERYBODY had a song on a soundtrack from some movie

I know why groups do this: money, the bottom line in the music industry. There are a few bands that still play because they love the music and their fans. I just can't think of any right now.

And what's the deal with Meatloaf, Billy Joel and Elton John? Who is buying this crap? And what is up with the Rap scene? Are shootings at concerts part of the deal? Just another reason to hate violence in music.

The past year showed us an increase in reported AIDS cases (globally), and violent crimes fell quite a bit. Do you still think that birth control is optional? I see the dynamics of dating here on campus.

Your partner may look like he or she couldn't possibly get the virus. Go ahead and gamble. And for all you little boys who say you can't "feel" anything when you wear a condom, "feel" sick for about eighteen months, vomit, become constantly nauseous, watch yourself lose weight and then hopefully after all of that, you will be lucky enough to die.

You gals too, if you think it's okay to have unsafe sex, you are telling your partner that you just don't care.

I guess the top story of the year is that we haven't had any of those little "threats" that plagued the campus last academic year.

What were there, about a dozen? Sure, we'll always have parking issues, but the threats affected almost everyone.

I guess some of us have grown up over the year. Either that or those responsible finally realized what immature jerks they were and shut it down themselves. For this, we thank you.

Losers of the Year: Actually, I have several. Bill Gates (just 'cause he's rich and deviant), Backstreet Boys (in fact, all white R & B groups), Jerry Springer, people who don't recycle, tobacco companies, Ohio State's football team, Disney (I just like picking on them), Mark Souder (still thinks homosexuals are from another planet), racists (of ALL kinds), Dennis Rodman, Tommy Hilfiger (lost $200 million in last quarter-I know, I couldn't believe it either after being in this town), people with urinating car stickers (what are you, nine years old?), Fox Television (except "That 70's Show," "King of the Hill," and "The Simpson's.") anything to do with "Beanies," and finally, shows such as "Entertainment Tonight" and "Extra."

It's no wonder American teens are so dumb, they actually think that these talking heads are giving them news.

I weep for the future. Be nice, have a joyous Christmas.

From the mind of a madman

by Kelly Bergman
Managing Editor

What really is space anyway? I think that if I were to look in a book for a definition of space, I would find a few different things.

I think the first definition that I would find would have to do with the area between two objects. Does that mean that space is the molecules of oxygen and nitrogen and carbon dioxide or is it the space between those molecules? I find this all to be a little confusing. In this definition, how can you exactly narrow down what space is? It seems as though space is always something besides space. In advertising, space is either a given amount of time or measurements. The space in advertising always consists of something other than space. There is music, pictures, video, or something

I think that the best way to use the word space is in the word "outerspace." This doesn't make a lot of sense to me either, but at least I know that it's something that is outside of our atmosphere, as well as that outside of every other planet and star In this definition, space is the place where Star Wars takes place

These are the two ways that space is most commonly used. I'm not really sure what to make of all of this.

Is space something that is theoretical or subjective? Is there something that I'm missing?

Of all of this, I can be assured of one real thing: I didn't give myself enough space to finish this train of thought

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Fiction Series

Birth of a Hero, Part Three: A Break in Procedure

by Adam Taylor
Features Editor

The chill of winter found three young men huddled outside a tent door.

Patiently the men waited to receive word on the condition of the sick man inside the tent, and nervously they whispered back and forth their concern for the man.

The man was their leader, their spiritual father, and their inspiration to be better warriors. The man, however, was going to die.

Close to evening, the three heard a voice protrude from inside the tent, startling them all. "Tirin? Biliokа? Polonka? Go summon the Great Council. Ramosca is dead."

Upon hearing these words, sobs went out from those within the vicinity of the tent where the fallen leader lay.

For many years Ramosca had led the Azou people through many hardships and numerous battles, and now he would lead them no more.

Illness claimed the life of one of the greatest leaders the Azou had ever had, and despite how difficult his death may have been to get over, a greater challenge now lay before his former followers.

Now was the time to choose the person great enough to succeed Ramosca as chief of the Azous.

The custom by which a new leader was selected dated back earlier than anyone could recall.

It seemed as though they had been using the same custom since the beginning of time.

The 12 men of the Great Council would convene and debate amongst themselves for as long as it took to come up with the proper nominees.

An election would then be held within the Council with the person receiving the least amount of votes being dropped and a re-vote being issued.

This process would continue until finally there would be one man left. This man would be chief.

It was a rather bizarre system, but it worked fairly well. Never before had it given them any problems.

This was the system that elected Ramosca, after all, and Ramosca had maintained a near god-like status during the many years he was in power.

He never abused his right to rule over the Azou people and always did the best he could to further the interests of his followers, not only because the Great Council would vote him out if he didn't but because he was generally concerned with the welfare of his people.

His mind was a molding of all of the wisdom that came before him and his heart was a combination of every Azou's feelings.

His ability to speak and think for the rest of the tribe with such effectiveness made him nearly irreplaceable.

In the top contenders for his successor, however, there was hope. Many people had become nominated by the Great Council, but it all basically boiled down to two people whom everyone knew could run the tribe effectively and successfully.

Those two were Tirin and Polonka, the fearless warriors and bitter rivals that were charged with guarding the tent of Ramosca in his final days.

Tirin and Polonka both would have been excellent chiefs had they both been given the opportunity.

Both could lead effectively, both could fight, and both were gifted with the ability to think on higher levels than everyone else.

The problem was, though, that even though both were more than suitable for the task, only one could be chosen. And since they were both so worthy of leadership, it was going to be a close vote.

The results of the voting went exactly as everyone had anticipated, with Polonka and Tirin being the finalists.

This caused a great deal of stress for the Great Council, as they knew that it would be hard to distinguish between the two and that whatever vote was made would be a close decision. The two were that much alike.

Instead of going straight into the voting, a proposal was made that the situation they were facing was one in which great thinking would have to come into play.

The Council was being made to choose between two men who were nearly identical to each other in every personality aspect that could be measured by the naked eye.

They were going to have to devise a test of some sort instead of having a final vote in order to determine the better of the two.

That would be the only way they could all live with their decision in good conscience.

After much deliberation, a fight to the death was announced where the winner would be crowned the new leader and the loser buried with all of the honors of a fallen hero.

Polonka grew excited upon hearing this news, as he believed he could easily defeat Tirin in such a match, and Tirin grew nervous.

He had no problem fighting Polonka, but he couldn't imagine taking the life of a fellow tribesman.

That was completely against everything he had learned from Ramosca, who had always taught him never to fight his own people.

It was better to concentrate on the real enemy, those who wished to destroy the Azou. Less men to fight was always more strategically sound, after all.

Something else about the fight bothered him, though.

He could remember when he and Polonka were little boys, playing games together with Biliokа out in the woods and laughing all day.

He could remember the first Great Feast they hunted together for and how they caught the biggest game that day, despite being the youngest.

Most of all, Tirin could remember all of the times he was made to outdo Polonka as a matter of pride, causing Tirin to improve himself each and every time as a result.

Had he not had Polonka as his competitor while growing up, Tirin would never be the person he was that day.

With this in mind, Tirin went before the Great Council just minutes before his bout with Polonka.

Polonka had his knife sharpened and hanging at his side, face painted and ready for battle, whereas Tirin was wearing what one would wear in leisure time.

Addressing the Council, Tirin somberly said, "The man you expect me to kill today is my enemy in many regards. He is my rival as well as in the way of my being chief.

"He is also an Azou, though, and just the same my friend. I refuse to fight anyone I am so connected to. Polonka can be chief if it means enough to him to destroy me. I respectfully withdraw."

As Tirin said this, a look of bewilderment befell upon those present.

They had assembled to see an Azou kill another Azou to become their new leader, and they were all deprived of this.

The Great Council met quickly with each other and discussed the latest development with great fervor, trying to ascertain the most feasible idea.

Finally, an agreement was reached and they went before the village.

"During the past few days," the spokesman said, " we have attempted to find a leader with those traits that made Ramosca the great man that he was. Unfortunately, until today, we have failed. However, Tirin's compassion and concern for his fellow tribesman, despite what the circumstances were, have lead us to believe that the heart of Ramosca is alive within Tirin. He embodies all that which makes an ideal Azou warrior and leader. My fellow tribesman, meet Tirin, your new warrior chief."

As these words were uttered by the spokesman of the Great Council, the whole crowd went wild.

Tirin nearly fainted as they put him forth to view his new family. Tirin's first, best destiny had finally been realized.

As the World-Wide-Web Turns:

Furby assassination heads holiday theme

by Vincent Garcia
Staff Writer

Hello once again, fellow readers, and welcome to my holiday edition of...do I even have a name for these articles? Let's just go with the holiday edition of web pages.

I went surfing recently and picked up some interesting Christmas-type stuff. Remember a few weeks ago when I wrote about the "Furby Autopsy" site?

Well, Furby has more pain to put up with on the internet with "Assassinate Furby."

Generally, this is as bad as it sounds, but the Furby is animated so hilariously that I just couldn't resist putting it in here.

Some of the other sites are more in the holiday spirit, but not by much.

I didn't do the student pages due to lack of response, lack of entertainment in the pages (except mine and Mr. Diehl's), and frankly lack of motivation on my part. Anyways, here's what you've been waiting for.

http://www.uselessknowledge.com

This site was entertaining to say the least. I pride myself on being a good test taker, and even better if the test is multiple choice.

To tell you the truth, I'm not sure if the verbal section on my SAT was in the English language, yet I still managed a 610, so this was the ultimate challenge for me.

I ended up with an 8 out of 15 on the first two levels of the test on this site, then I bombed out with a 5 out of 15 on the expert level. Still, I only knew about 3 for sure on the first two and one on the last.

All test-takers or those who consider themselves "smart" should try these quizzes.

Other features include random facts and quotes. Sorry about the lack of Christmas orientation, but I didn't want to put this site off.

http://www.wackyuses.com

Are you having trouble finding the right gift for someone?

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http://www-server.bcc.ac.uki/~zcap161/santa.html

What are some of the greatest mysteries of all time?
The Bermuda Triangle?
J.F.K.'s assassination?
Why my article wasn't printed last week?
How about whether or not St. Nick actually exists?

All right, maybe not, but this is still a funny site to see. This site I found last year when I was in a high school Physics class.

Someone had brought it in for a tree we had in the room around Christmas time.

This page is a listing of reasons why Santa couldn't exist.

These are mostly reasons having to do with Physics, like energy (poor St. Nick would receive several billion Joules, enough to combust the jolly old guy) or mass (the sheer mass of the presents would be more than any genetically warped reindeer could handle).

I don't know why I get a kick out of that page, but a year later, I still love it. A must-see for all science students.

http://www.newgrounds.com/assassin/furbybrief.html

This is the site I was talking about, the assassination of the little furball rodent Furby.

At the current time, the Java-enhanced site allows you to beat on the poor fella in two different ways, both incredibly cruel.

One is by ripping the critter's ears off. When this happens, the thing makes this face that could entertain the Pope.

Another thing to do is stuff Furby into a microwave and watch as he puffs up like a marshmallow.

Beware: this site isn't for the squeamish or for those who are morally upright.

Well, I don't have much more to say. This web page column probably won't be going on much longer so I just want to thank my loyal reader(s)...thanks mom.

Anyway, I hope through these sites you have learned a way to entertain yourself when you should have been studying for an important test. I know I have

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Steve Griffin	6	30.8	37.9	69.6	6.5	18	17	0	15	11.2
Rich Gawthrop	6	41.9	50	80	2	2	9	0	3	6.8
Randy Spicer	6	35.7	33.3	68.2	2.5	26	14	1	11	6.7
Paul Blankenship	6	35.9	20	52.4	4.2	7	7	5	20	6.7
Corey Evans	6	54.5	0	71.4	2	1	7	2	0	4.8
Tyson Bril	6	28.6	33.3	100	2.7	11	11	0	1	4.5
Kedran Barnhill	6	32	0	66.7	.8	6	6	0	1	3.3
Mario Wuysang	6	43.8	28.6	40	1	35	35	0	0	3.0
Aaron Ishman	6	38.5	0	43.8	2.8	4	4	1	0	2.8

Womens Basketball Statistics (through 12/7/98)

Player	GP	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	RPG	Ass	TO	BLK	STL	PPG
Katie Bruening	4	38.5	22.2	69	6	11	26	0	7	15.5
Christy McMillin	7	38.5	50	72.9	4.4	16	31	0	6	12.6
Kara Moore	8	31.7	23.5	72.7	4.0	17	40	0	13	9.5
Corey Duncan	8	40	0	58.6	6.3	10	34	0	5	8.1
Denise Walker	8	44.4	60	85	5.1	8	17	3	6	7.5
Laura Douglas	4	28	0	64.7	5.3	8	13	0	4	6.3
Angie Womack	8	31.3	25	66.7	3.1	13	14	2	4	5.8
April Hatch	2	50	33.3	80	0.0	3	6	0	1	5.5
Mandy Loveless	8	36.7	0	88.9	3.0	10	13	2	5	3.8
Tiffany Thomas	8	26.7	18.8	50	1.0	4	11	1	5	2.5
Jenny Miller	4	50	0	60	2.3	1	6	0	0	2.3
Justina Payne	4	28.6	50	50	1.0	1	8	0	2	2.3
Kristi Lamb	8	33.3	0	70	3.0	3	6	4	1	2.1

Miller, Man with the Mike

by Brian Miller, Sports Editor

Athletic Director accepts job at Southern Colorado

IPFW athletics may have suffered its biggest loss in school history.

Stanley "Butch" Perchan, athletic director, has decided to accept a position as athletic director at Southern Colorado University.

He has been Athletic Director here at IPFW for the last four years and has been an athletic director in northeast Indiana for the last 25.

"IPFW holds a special place in my heart, I'll miss the friends that I've encountered throughout my tenure and the teamwork that our staff has shown."

In his reign he has made startling improvements. He has not only put extraordinary athletic teams together but has also emphasized the importance of academics.

His list also includes developing the McKay property from what used to be empty farmland into some of the finest athletic facilities this area has seen.

He has also done a superb job bringing the Summit City Shootout to the Gates Sports Center and cross country back to IPFW in three intensive meets, including the IPFW Invitational, the Randall & Sullivan "Fund Run" and the Mastodon Stomp.

Perchan has also brought the mens volleyball NCAA final four to Fort Wayne and brought Olympic Volleyball to IPFW in the USA-France and USA-Japan volleyball games.

He is also one of the individuals responsible for bringing Norman Schwartzkopf and Colin Powell to speak to an IPFW audience.

Powell and Schwartzkopf are the epitome of what IPFW athletics is all about: leadership, courage, and teamwork.

Perchan also fielded a womens Soccer team for the 1999 season.

What is Perchan proud of most?

"I'm proud of the progression and competitiveness IPFW has showed in the last few years," Perchan said. "All of our teams are very competitive and compete for conference championships year in and year out."

Perchan will take his wife Dorothy and his empty nest to Southern Colorado University where he feels the teams will be able to compete right away.

"This is a 'golden opportunity' for me at this stage of my life," he said. "Although, I will miss IPFW and Fort Wayne a great deal."

Golden Opportunity???

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Photo Not Available

Butch Perchan

Perchan says, "Pueblo, Colorado does not have minor league teams such as the Fury, Komets, and Wizards. In fact, Pueblo has only five high schools, so the upside is that Southern Colorado is the pride of Pueblo."

Which in turn means Perchan will become "the pride of Pueblo."

Sounds like a movie...Unfortunately, for the Dons it will become a reality in early April.

"I am very honored and proud to say that I am a part of IPFW athletics. I am pleased to see the direction in which this program is headed and the results we have accumulated in the past years," Perchan said.

"This is an opportunity I sought out. I talked to my wife about it, and with good fortune I made it into the final selection and was finally selected," Perchan said. "USC will not have mens volleyball or cross country, and you can bet I will miss them. However, add wrestling, mens and womens golf and I think it will be an exciting year. USC has a beautiful baseball stadium and 18 lighted tennis courts, a basketball gym that seats 5800 and is usually filled with 3500 plus. It also houses residence halls which will be more appealing to student athletes," Perchan said.

Not only does USC have first-class facilities, but now they have a first-class athletic director.

You can bet USC is going to reap the benefits of IPFW's best.

IPFW Campus Calendar

for Dec. 11–31, 1998

11 Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), WU 126, 8 a.m.; for information, call 6600.
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12 Breakfast with Santa, WU Ballroom, 9–11 a.m.; for information, call 6609.
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Basketball, GC.
12 Woodson All Stars, men, 1 p.m.
19 St. Joseph's College, women, 1 p.m.; men, 3 p.m.

14 Career assessment group interpretation, WU 116, 9 a.m.

15 Institutional SAT, WU 224, 10 a.m.; for information, call 6600.

15 Alumni Relations "Cookies and Cider" delivered campuswide, 4–6 p.m.; for information, call 6812.

17 Brown Bag Lunch Series: "Stress and Relaxation," Bill Utesch, WU 116, noon–1 p.m. For information, call 6029.

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24 Campus closed, also Dec. 25 and 31.

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Super Saturday upsets stir new controversy in BCS

by Matt Scheer
Staff Writer

What could possibly exceed the excitement generated by last weekend's college football action?

How about round two of a playoff system? The travesty also known as the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) has tainted what is arguably the best sport around.

After the dust settled last Saturday, only Tennessee was left standing with their unblemished record intact after defeating Mississippi St. 24-14 in the SEC title game.

The other two teams weren't as lucky. UCLA lost the most exciting game of the season to Miami 49-45 and Kansas State blew a 15-point fourth quarter lead to Texas A&M to eventually lose 36-33 in double overtime.

With Tennessee the only legitimate unbeaten team (sorry Tulane), Florida State backdoored their way into a championship matchup with the Volunteers in Tempe, Arizona, on Jan. 4.

Essentially the BCS has validated the premise that an early loss to an unranked team (FSU to NC St.) is better than a later loss to an unranked team (Ohio St. to Michigan St.).

Although strength of schedule plays a large part and Florida State's was more difficult, this mathematical equation is no way to match the top teams.

We now have seven teams with one loss and one with none. This sounds like the perfect number for a playoff.

Instead, Tennessee and FSU will play in Tempe and all of the other bowl games are meaningless. Sure, I'll watch some of them, but none will have any impact on the championship.

Imagine Tennessee, FSU, Ohio St., Kansas St., UCLA, Florida, Texas A&M and Wisconsin in an eight-team playoff. WHY NOT???? Now it appears that the BCS works, after all it matched the top two teams in the country.

Like every other facet of life, money and politics rear their ugly head in the BCS. Along with the conference champs, the BCS gets to pick two at-large teams.

Ohio State and Kansas State, both with only one loss, seemed like a lock.

However, I didn't know that tourism was a factor. Gainesville, Florida, is much closer to Miami than Manhattan, Kansas, and the likelihood of Florida fans traveling to the Orange Bowl is greater, even though Florida's two losses came at the hands of two pretty good teams, Tennessee and Florida St.

The decision of the BCS to slight Kansas State was a costly one for the Wildcats. Instead of the $11-13 million Orange Bowl payday, the Wildcats will collect $1.1 million in their much anticipated Alamo Bowl matchup with Purdue.

I'm not a math major, but that's a $10 million shaft.

One player who won't get the shaft is Texas' Ricky Williams.

In the Longhorn's day after Thanksgiving classic with rival Texas A&M, Ricky locked up the Heisman Trophy with a 259-yard performance against one of the nation's top defenses in his last regular season game as a Longhorn.

In addition to leading Texas to an upset, he shattered Tony Dorsett's NCAA career rushing mark. The other candidates, UCLA's Cade McNown and Kansas State's Michael Bishop, lost any chance at the Heisman as well as a shot at the national championship in the span of two hours.

NFL STRETCH RUN

Rarely is it possible to match the excitement on Sunday that the college game produces on Saturday, but this season has produced a mysteriously good season for the NFL.

Denver and Minnesota have a combined record of 25-1 and appear to be destined to meet in the Super Bowl. After that it is anyone's guess, though.

In the NFC, Atlanta is already in the playoffs, but until they win in January, no one will take them seriously. Forty-four year old Steve DeBerg has had to step in at times for injury-prone Chris Chandler at QB.

Dallas still leads football's worst division despite only having one victory in their last three games. San Francisco and Green Bay as wild-card teams? It's a definite possibility.

Free agent defections and injuries have taken their toll on the NFC's perennial powerhouses. The final wild card spot is up for grabs, and a .500 record should get either Arizona, Tampa Bay or New Orleans in.

In the AFC, Denver is still doing their New York Yankees impression, rolling over the competition at 13-0, although they had a scare against the Chiefs this weekend.

All you have to know is that Marty Schottenheimer is the coach on the sideline opposite John Elway and you'll know the Broncos will pull it out.

In their final three games, the Broncos travel to New York to face the Giants, to Miami for a Monday night game, then back home to host Seattle and close out the season.

The AFC East remains a log jam with four teams (all but Indianapolis) within a game of first place.

Jacksonville should win the Central but they lost QB Mark Brunell to an ankle injury last weekend.

That leaves Pittsburgh, Tennessee and Oakland fighting with the three AFC East teams left for the wildcards scraps.

I would be remiss not to mention the officiating in the NFL this season. Earlier this week, the league had mentioned the possibility of resurrecting instant replay in time of the playoffs.

A good idea, but that's a little like locking the barn door after the horses have been stolen. Also stolen may be some teams' chances at the playoffs thanks to shoddy officiating.

"Coin-gate" cost the Steelers a chance on Thanksgiving.

The Bills got hosed on a Hail Mary pass interference call.

Seattle clearly stopped Vinny Testaverde short of a touchdown, yet the refs gave it to him.

All three of these teams are on the playoff bubble, and those calls could keep them from getting in. Instant replay is a no-brainer.

You see it all the time. A "zebra" is in the perfect position to make a call, yet he misses it or makes the wrong call.

The speed at which the game moves as well as all of the bodies colliding simultaneously makes it difficult to look for things like possession and whether or not a player is in bounds or not. With the resource of technology, including the multitude of camera angles, a designated replay official would be able to reverse missed calls without impeding the progress of the game.

There are kinks that need to be worked out, such as the number of reviews per half and judgment calls, like pass interference.

However, I don't think we'll see instant replay this season and I don't think the coin toss falls under plays eligible for review. It doesn't hurt to hope for it, though.

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